Incentives to Sportsmen

203. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether in view of the dismal performance of the Indian squad at the recently concluded ASIAD at Seoul, Government propose to provide incentives to encourage sports in rural areas in view of the declining trends in all spheres of games and sports, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The experience gained in the recently held X Asian Games at Seoul underlines the need, *inter alia* of promoting sports in the rural areas. With this aim in view, the scheme of All India Rural Sports Tournaments will be widened at the grass roots, State and National levels so that sports talent available in the rural sector is tapped in an increasing measure for training at the national level. Attractive prizes ate given to the winners of these tournaments at national levels and it is hoped that in course of time, the incentives offered will encourage competitive sports in rural areas. Besides the promotion of rural sports through rural sports centres, Nehru Yuva Kendras are expected to further help in the process.

Amounts earmarked for 'Operation Blackboard

204. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount likely to be spent on 'Operation Blackboard' during the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) what allocations, if any, have so far been made for various State Governments; and

(c) what is the period in which the 'Operation Blackboard' is scheduled to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). Salient features of Operation Blackboard have been given in the Programme of Action which has been laid on the Table of the Sabha. The amount to be spent on it will depend on the result of the 6urvey of existing facilities Implementation of Operation Blackboard will begin in 1986-87 and is proposed to be completed by the end of the Seventh Plan.

Grant of Selection Grade to Assistant Teachers in MCD

205. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lady Assistant teachers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi who have put in more than 23 years of service have not so far been granted selection grade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken to remove discontent among the teachers;

(c) what is the month and year of appointment of the lady teachers who granted selection grade last; and

(d) when the next list of lady teachers for grant of selection grade is likely to be cleared and the month and yare of appointment of the teachers likely to be covered in this list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATl KRISHNA SAHI) (a) and (b) In accordance with the extant instructions, 20 per cent of all sanctioned post of teachers which have been in existence for three years or more are converted into Selection Grade posts. Grant of selection grade is not related to length of service but is on the basis of seniority subject to fitness. In view of this Lady Assistant Teachers (General) appointed

after 31-10-1961 have not yet got selection grade.

(ei Lady Assistant Teachers (General) appointed up to October, 1961 and Lady Assistant Teachers (Scheduled Caste) appointed up to July, 1980 'have been granted selection grade.

(d) Next list expected to cover Lady Teachers (General) appointed up to January, 1962 for grant of selection grade is likely to be issued before the end of December, 1986.

Investigation into smuggling of goods

206. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated October 10, 1986;

(b) if so, whether investigations into the matter has led to unearthing of a big smuggling racket involving smuggling of goods worth crores of rupees into the country; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under investigation by the Police and Customs Departments and appropriate steps will be taken on receipt of their report.

Filling up of reserved seats by SC/ST Candidates in UTs

207. SHRI PRIAHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that seats reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Indian Institutes of Technology are filled up only by candidates belonging to these; communities and that these are not interchangeable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of this policy, many of these seats remain vacant;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the policy to fill up the maximum number of reserved seats by the successful candidates of SC and ST communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The seats reserved for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are filled up by the students belonging to the respective community only. The unfilled seats, reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, are not filled up by students belonging to any other community.

(d) A number of steps have been taken during recent years to increase the intake of students belonging to SC and ST communities in the Indian Institutes of Technology. These steps have shown positive results.

Increase in ceiling of Income for SC/ST Candidates in UT, Delhi

208. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to erosion in income, the ceiling of Rs. 880 as basic pay, fixed for providing amenities to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates pursuing preparatory courses in I.I.T. Delhi, has become outdated;

(b) whether Government propose te raise the ceiling; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this' regard?